

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was held in the Support Services Center on October 12, 2011, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Reece, Tognazzini, Walsh, Garvin and Karamitsos. Absent: None

Open Session

Mr. Tognazzini called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Student Board Representative, Stephanie Rubio, led the flag salute.

Closed Session Actions

Dr. Kimberly, Superintendent, reported the following closed session actions:

- Student Matters - The Board approved 2 proposed expulsions as presented; appeal regarding an expulsion resulted in a student being referred to Reach;
- Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions:
 - The Board approved hiring, transfers, promotions, evaluations, terminations, and resignations as presented;
 - Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code Section 54957)
- 3) Conference with labor negotiators – no action taken, no information presented.
- 4) Conference with legal counsel – the Board was updated on the mediation session held in Santa Monica on the developer fee issue. There was no action taken.

Items Scheduled for Information

Superintendent's Report

Road Shows – Fall 2011

Dr. Kimberly reported that the Road Shows presented at school sites allowed district administration an opportunity to update site and district personnel on current happenings. This fall the topics included student achievement, (such as Santa Maria High School's 22 point gain on the Academic Performance Index), President Obama's proposition for the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind, and facilities projects completed during the summer.

October 11	District Office	2:30 – 3:30	Board Room
October 17	Righetti	3:30 – 4:15	Cafeteria
October 20	Santa Maria	3:30 – 4:15	Staff Lounge
October 25	Pioneer Valley	3:30 – 4:15	Room 302
October 28	Delta	1:00 – 1:45	Multi-Purpose Room

Principal Reports

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Joe Domingues, Santa Maria High School Principal, commended staff for their role in Santa Maria's 22 point gain on the Academic Performance Index (API). The school met Safe Harbor in ELA (due to 10 percent of students moving from below basic to proficient) but not in math. Mr. Domingues said Santa Maria High School will continue to focus on those areas. He was happy to report that the graduation rate is up by 10 percent.

Mr. Domingues reported that Santa Maria High School is working with three leadership groups (QEIA, SDM, and Department Chairs) to review the WASC, Single School, QEIA and LEA Plans to ensure Santa Maria's focus areas are aligned with the plans. Mr. Domingues said other areas being addressed included Strategic Schooling Campaigns, Opening Professional Development report and specific staff needs, and Late Start Days Structure.

For clarification Mr. Domingues explained the following:

Local Education Agency Plan (LEAP) is part of Program Improvement (PI). The task of the LEAP committee is to identify school needs and develop a plan to exit PI.

Western Accreditation of School Committee (WASC) – A team looks at what a school has in place, set goals for improvement, and makes a follow-up visit to ensure recommendations have been addressed. Mr. Domingues noted the importance of the accreditation process as it allows students to get financial aide and transcripts to be accepted.

Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) is supplemental funding which address the reduction of student-teacher ratio (22-1 in core classes and 28-1 in elective courses). The funding also provides additional certificated counselors.

Shanda Herrera, Pioneer Valley High Principal, reported that Pioneer Valley is off to a good start with two new assistant principals this year. Ms. Herrera reported that Pioneer Valley is working on every plan and focus area aligned with the LEAP and WASC. Pioneer Valley received a six year accreditation and received a positive outcome at the three year review in March 2011. The Single School Plan for student achievement is a blue print to follow when spending school site dollars to ensure school goals are being supported.

Ms. Herrera explained that the Academic Performance Index (API) is the state accountability for schools. Every year the state gives all schools a target to meet – last year 5 points for Pioneer Valley which was met. Adequately Yearly Progress is the federal accountability for schools. Ms. Herrera reported that Pioneer Valley met 14 of the 18 criteria; has a 95 percent participation rate, met the API target, met graduation rate, and achieved Language Arts proficiency, but did not meet proficiency in math. Ms. Herrera noted that PV did not meet proficiency in four subgroups which are all in math. Pioneer Valley is focusing on providing staff access to student data in order to target students who are in need of improving. Ms. Herrera provided a chart showing Pioneer Valley's API scores beginning 2007 which showed Pioneer Valley met its target growth in all but one year.

Frances Evans, Assistant Principal at Righetti High School, provided an Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) English Language Arts (ELA) Comparison Chart showing the number of

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students at or above proficient for 2010 and 2011. The chart showed that Righetti met AYP criteria in 2011 in all groups except English Learners. In 2010 Righetti did not meet the AYP criteria in Hispanic, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged and English Language subgroups.

In the AYP math comparison Righetti met AYP criteria in 2011 in all groups except English Learners; in 2010 RHS did not meet the AYP criteria in Hispanic, Socioeconomically disadvantaged and English Learners. Ms. Evans explained that Righetti met Safe Harbor criteria in 2011 in all groups except English Learners. API scores by subgroup also showed an increase in scores. API growth showed an increase of 9 points from 2010 to 2011. Ms. Evans also provided a CST comparison chart to show how Righetti compared to other similar schools.

Esther Prieto-Chavez, Delta High School Principal, reported that staff is working on the self study for the next WASC visit in March 2012. Mrs. Chavez explained that Delta operates under the Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) for testing purposes so it is not measured using the criteria as the comprehensive high schools. Mrs. Chavez reported Delta received a commendable score concerning the number of suspensions; attendance which is based on student enrolled for 90 days or more is lower this year than last year, credits completed increased from 73 to 81 percent. Mrs. Chavez reported 111 students passed the CAHSEE and received a diploma.

Two of the main goals in Delta's school plan are to increase proficiency in CAHSEE English and Math. In English Language Arts, proficiency increased from 43 to 62 percent; a 19 percent growth. English Learners increased their score by 10 percent in ELA; by 12 percent in math. Ms. Chavez said staff are working on WASC, reviewing school plans, and will continue to work on improving attendance. Teachers are also looking at CAHSEE and CST scores in order to place students in appropriate English and math classes. Ms. Chavez reported students have shown growth and Delta is moving in a positive direction.

John Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, reported that teachers are collaborating, sharing data, and talking about what's best for students which results in positive growth.

Student Reports: Student board representatives reported on the activities at their sites. Jonathan Ramos, Delta; Lupe Garcia, SMHS; Stephany Rubio, Pioneer Valley; Kaitlyn Furst for Alex McKinney, RHS.

Delta: The following representatives from the community spoke with Career Exploration students: National Guard, Wyotech, Santa Barbara Business College, Art Institute and the Army. Delta's first blood drive was a success and forty-six students attended Career Day at Allan Hancock College.

Santa Maria: Joey Ortiz and Jasmine Hernandez were crowned Homecoming King and Queen; fifty-five FFA students went to Dodger Stadium on FFA day; the annual FFA benefit dinner profited \$14,000; FBLA members participated in the "Adopt-A-Highway cleanup; Jazz Ensemble participated in the second day of Peace Week; Gay and Straight Alliance participated in the Santa Barbara AIDS walk; FFA students are scheduled to at-

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tend the Cow Palace in San Francisco; Share the Word club is collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Women's Shelter; four American FFA degree recipients will go to the National Convention; the Drama Club will present the Fall Drama Showcase, and Saints Motorsports was awarded a check for \$5,240 from the organizers of the Solvang "Wheels N Windmills" car show.

Pioneer Valley: Successful Booster BBQ with profit of approximately \$18,000; the Credit Recovery program is going well; successful Parent Teacher Night; Academic Awards is scheduled for October 27; ASB held the second Panther Senate of the year; the Key Club helped at the Special Olympics and is working on the Heart Walk at Waller Park on October 15th; ASTRA club celebrated Peace Week by cleaning Sierra Vista Park; the first play of the year, *A Murder is Announced* was presented; a lot of resources in the College and Career Center to help students with career options; Pei-en Yang is in the top 50,000 in the U.S. for the National Merit Scholarship; ASB will sponsor a Breast Cancer Awareness Rally to educate young people; twenty-two students will participate in the Boat Regatta on October 15th; Halloween horror movie on October 27 in the drama room; Haunted House/dance on October 29; and ASB will host the annual Senior Citizen Halloween dance at the Mussell Senior Citizen Center on October 30th.

Righetti: Some of the student goals at Righetti include painting all doors at the school purple and sprucing up the Greek Theatre including adding a purple backdrop, Students feel this will increase school spirit and pride. The Homecoming Rally is scheduled for October 15; football vs SLO on October 14; 31-12 victory against Saint Joseph's. Because the campus is clean administration is allowing music when there is no rally scheduled. Students are preparing for the CAHSEE - juniors and seniors that did not pass the exam will take practice exams. Sophomores that have not taken the test will also have to take practice tests. The PSAT is scheduled for October 15th.

Reports from Employee Organizations

Lisa Walters, Faculty Association Representative, thanked Dr. Flores for talking with the Association about moving temporary teachers to probationary status. The Association is also working on improving communication of the application/interview process. Ms. Walters shared that the Gates Foundation presented a Focus on Education meeting. At the meeting Melinda Gates talked about problems in education. Following is a quote by Melinda Gates: "We have to fundamentally change how we look at education in order to include all of the major stockholders which include students and parents who are looking at the future as that will be defined by how we raise kids."

There was no classified report.

Board Member Reports

Dr. Karamitsos thanked student board representatives for their report on activities at their school. Dr. Karamitsos noted that a goal might be to have a district orchestra - since there is already a marching band and marimba band. Dr. Garvin was pleased that Dr. Kimberly hosted a visit by Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian. The assemblyman toured the vocational and agriculture departments at Santa Maria High School. There was also an

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open forum with student and a separate meeting with staff.

Items Scheduled for Action

General

Naming of New Facility – Santa Maria High School Pool

Dr. Jeffrey Hearn, former superintendent, requested the Board of Education consider naming the new facility in honor of Mr. Karl Bell. Mr. Bell retired in 1996 but has remained very involved in the swimming community, helping with fundraising, helping coaches and transporting students. Mr. Bell recognized the work of other committee members including his son, Charles who is currently coaching swim at Saint Joseph High School. The committee's major fundraiser for aquatics is selling fireworks.

Mr. Bell retired from the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District after distinguishing himself not only as an exemplary teacher and coaching professional, but a strong and positive role model for thousands of students he instructed and coached over a 35-year period. Focused, dependable, energetic and enthusiastic are but a few adjectives that describe the quality of Mr. Bell—a professional educator in every sense of the word. He is loved and admired by the legions of “Saints” he touched in some manner over his long career.

A graduate of Santa Maria High School and California Polytechnic State University, where he distinguished himself as an outstanding swimmer and water polo player, Mr. Bell returned to his alma mater upon graduation. He spent his entire teaching and coaching career at Santa Maria High School positively influencing many students and promoting an appreciation and respect for water sports and competition in general.

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Reece and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the naming of the new facility Karl Bell Aquatic Center.

Evaluator Competence

Per Education Code §35160.5 and Board Policy 5551, the district is required to submit to the Board a list of administrators whose duties include the evaluation of certificated personnel. Dr. Kimberly explained this approval gives administrators that authority.

The district certified that the following administrators have demonstrated competence in instructional methodologies and evaluation for certificated staff they are assigned to evaluate.

Atkins, Marvin
Carter, Rhett
Chavarria, Elyssa R.
Chavez, Esther P.
Christen, Tina
Davis, John

Davis, Lee
Domingues, Joe
Evans, Frances
Flores, Pete
Flores, Sergio
Haws, Peter

Herrera, Shanda
Hutton, David
Iniguez, Jose
Kimberly, Doug
Molina, Steve
Rotondi, Karen

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A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the list of competent evaluators for the 2011/12 school year.

Instruction

Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

Pursuant to Education Code Section 35186, the governing board of a school district must conduct a public hearing to report the quarterly report that was submitted in October 2011 on the Williams Uniform Complaints for the months of July- September 2011. Mr. Davis reported that there have been no complaints in the general subject areas of Textbooks and Instructional Materials, Teacher Vacancy or Misassignments, Facilities Conditions or Valenzuela/CAHSEE Intensive Instruction and Services.

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints as presented.

Business

Authorized Signature Forms

Diane Bennett, Assistant Superintendent of Business, reported that the District is required to review and update the "Authorized Signature Forms" that are kept on file with the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and the County Superintendent's offices on an annual basis. These forms are used to verify information and validate signatures on District documents.

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the "Authorized Signature Forms" on file with the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and for transmittal to the County Superintendent of Schools.

Delegation of Governing Board Powers and Duties

Education Code Section 35161 grants the Board of Education the authority to delegate various powers and duties to employees of the district to act on its behalf. The Board has approved various resolutions and approved authorized signers for various duties in the past. Ms. Bennett explained that due to periodic changes of personnel, it is necessary to update those resolutions and authorizations.

Passage of the Resolution 4-2011-2012 authorizes the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Director of Fiscal Services, Director of Facilities and Operations and the Director of Support Services to act on behalf of the Board of Education with specific limitations or restrictions.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Reece and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution Number 4-2011-2012 delegating specific powers and duties of the Board of Education to employees of the district and notify the County Superintendent of Schools accordingly.

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ROLL CALL VOTE :

Mr. Tognazzini Yes
Dr. Garvin Yes
Dr. Karamitsos Yes
Dr. Reece Yes
Dr. Walsh Yes

Cell Tower Equipment Building Exempted from Field Act

Ms. Bennett explained that the Verizon Cell Tower Equipment Room at Santa Maria High School is nearing completion. Since this building is located on a school site, the use of the building must be approved by the Division of State Architect (DSA). However, since this building is designed to house cell tower equipment only and will be accessed by authorized cell tower personnel only, the building is not built to Field Act standards. Therefore, DSA requires the adoption of Resolution Number 5-2011-2012, wherein the Board acknowledges and the Superintendent instructs that no pupils or students will be permitted in the building at any time.

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote to approve Resolution Number 5-2011-2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tognazzini Yes
Dr. Garvin Yes
Dr. Karamitsos Yes
Dr. Reece Yes
Dr. Walsh Yes

Consent Items

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the following consent items as presented:

A. Approval of Minutes

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B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of September - 2011

Payroll	\$5,097,617.03
Warrants	<u>3,153,660.40</u>
Total	<u>\$8,251,277.43</u>

C. Pupil Personnel Matters

- Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsion(s): Student #'s 326641, 333189

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D. Acceptance of Gifts

Pioneer Valley High School

Donor	Recipient	Amount
San Luis Obispo Dental, Disbel Mansilla DDS	Science Department	\$250.00
Dee Ringstead	Needy Student Program (laptop value)	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL PIONEER VALLEY SCHOOL		<u>\$500.00</u>

Santa Maria High School

Donor	Recipient	Amount
Altrusa International	Scholarships	1,000.00
Collatz, G. James	Pool Acct	100.00
Sell-Lee, Sandra and William	Pool Acct	500.00
Kidholm LLC	Pool Acct	500.00
Wheels N Windmills	Automobile Club	5,240.00
Walmart	Outreach	1,000.00
G. Villegas Photography	Class 2012	125.00
G. Villegas Photography	ASB General	125.00
G. Villegas Photography	Cheerleaders	125.00
Far West Classic Chevy	Automobile Club	1,005.00
R. Baker Inc.	FFA Sheep	700.00
SMHS Football Boosters	Athletics	190.00
Cooper, Margaret & Fred	Pool Acct	100.00
Albright, Ronald & Cynthia	Automobile Club	1,500.00
Morton, David & Laura	Cardiel Scholarship	100.00
Meehan, E. & M.J.	Cardiel Scholarship	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL SANTA MARIA SCHOOL		<u>\$12,410.00</u>

Righetti High School

Donor	Recipient	Amount
Dale Brose	Art Class	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL RIGHETTI HIGH SCHOOL		<u>\$500.00</u>

E. Request for Travel

School	Instructor in Charge	Event/Location	Dates
PVHS	David Parker, Scott Wonnell, Hector Guerra	National FFA Conven- tion, Indianapolis and Washington D.C.	10/19-25/11
	Jeff Helms	Big Orange Classic Field Tournament, Riverside, CA	11/3-5/11

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	Bret Dodson	AVID College visits (CSUN, CSULB, UCLA)	11/3-4/11
RHS	Miguel Guerra	Dodger Day Game, Dodger Stadium	9/18/11
	Kevin LeClair	Fall 2011 College Trip/Avid, UOP, UC Davis, State Capitol, Sonoma State, Alca- traz, CSUSF, Santa Clara University	10/12-14/11
	Denise Paulus	Audition for Honor Choir, Buena Vista, CA	9/30-10/2/11
SMHS	Clemente Ayon	Chapter Officer Leader- ship Conference, Hollis- ter, CA	10/8-9/11
	Clemente Ayon	Junior Grand National Stock Show, Cow Pal- ance	10/14-15/11
	Clemente Ayon	Advanced Leadership Academy - Made for Excellence	1/27-28/12
	Lorin Cuthbert	ANRA Finals, Famosa Raceway, Bakersfield, CA	10/7-9/11

All required paperwork will be/was on file at the school before departure. No student was excluded from the field trip due to lack of funds.

F. Notice of Completion

The following projects have been substantially completed and in order to file the necessary Notice of Completion forms with the County of Santa Barbara, the Acceptance of Substantial Completion needs to be formally accepted by the Board of Education.

- 1) Pioneer Valley High School – Phase 2 Repairs - Project #07-038.5; DJM Construction Company – General Contractor
- 2) Santa Maria High School – Ag Roof Restoration – Project #10-092; Brahma Engineering Inc. – General Contractor

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- 3) Santa Maria High School – Lincoln Street 6 Portables – Project #10-097; Vernon Edwards Constructors – General Contractor
- 4) Pioneer Valley High School – Gym Roof Parapet Wall Repair – Project #09-063; Brahma Engineering, Inc. – General Contractor

G. Textbook Discard

Righetti High School is requesting permission to discard the obsolete/damaged textbooks listed below:

<u>Textbook Title</u>	<u>ISBN#</u>	<u>Copyright</u>	<u># of Copies</u>
Algebra 1: Structure & Method	618044302	2000	1,107

Santa Maria High School is requesting permission to discard the obsolete/damaged textbooks listed below:

<u>Textbook Title</u>	<u>ISBN#</u>	<u>Copyright</u>	<u># of Copies</u>
CPM Algebra 1 Vol 1	1885145764	2000	375
CPM Algebra 1 Vol 2	1885145675	2000	571
CPM Algebra 1 Vol 1 & 2 Hardcover	1885145691	2002	281
CPM Algebra 1 Vol 1 SPANISH	1885145934	2001	118
CPM Algebra 1 Vol 2 SPANISH	1885145942	2001	117
Holt Algebra 1	0030021626	1986	13
American Government and Politics Today	0534631622	2005	35
Discovering French Bleu Workbook	0618047085	2001	43

H. Agreement for Legal Services – Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost

Request approval to enter agreement with Fagen Friedman and Fulfroost to provide legal services for the district with focus on special education needs.

I. Attendance Reports

Ms. Diane Bennett, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, was available to answer questions regarding the first month attendance report.

J. Facilities Report, Appendix B

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Open Session Public Comments

The following SMHS Band Parents shared their comments/concerns regarding the current band room: Cecilia Nava, Juan Nava, Graciela Hernandez, Tino Soltero, and Elsa Hernandez.

- Students need someone to speak on their behalf
- Students work hard on fundraising and they should have the support of the district
- Band is an important program
- Parents want to know why a permanent band room is not in place, after a year in a temporary room
- A new band room should be in place after a year of the temporary room
- Temperature in band room is not appropriate
- Parents are concerned about this year's band students as well future students
- Concerns that improvements are not being made since it is a temporary band room
- What are the options to protect student ears, headaches, asthma, etc.?

Dr. Kimberly announced he would be happy to meet with band parents to address their concerns.

Ulises Valdivia, SMHS Band Director, started the band program at Santa Maria High School in 2008. Mr. Valdivia's love of music since the age of 13 resulted in his teaching band at SMHS. He reported that the program has been great and has had a lot of success. Mr. Valdivia feels he has been patient with the many promises for the band room but much has been accomplished. He wants the best for his students and the current band room is not conducive to teaching music.

Dr. Garvin wanted to ensure parents were aware that the board had already approved a new band room. He also wanted them to know of the work previously done to prepare for and completion of the new band room. Dr. Kimberly responded that he would address the above concerns at a future meeting with band parents.

Items not on the Agenda

Misdee Guess, Delta School Site Council Member, asked the Board of Education to allow Delta students to participate in extra curricular activities at their home school. She referred to the Delta students who were not allowed to attend the Righetti Homecoming dance. She thanked Mrs. Chavez for working with Mr. Molina to address this issue. Mrs. Guess is very happy with the Delta staff and added that an apology should be made to those students denied participation in home school activities.

Richard Drywell, community member, said he wanted to address the board about gang problems at the high schools. He suggested working with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to deal with illegal problem students. His goal is to get a message to those students involved in gang activity of the possible consequences.

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Dr. Reece reported that the Alumni Swim Committee headed by Mr. Karl Bell has designated between \$15,000 – 17,000 for temporary and permanent bleachers for Santa Maria's new swimming pool area.

Next Meeting Date

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **November 9, 2011**. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Support Services Center at 2560 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

Future Regular Board Meeting(s) for 2011:

December 14, 2011

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.